

4. Amend the description by inserting, before the first paragraph on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This is a divisional of co-pending Patent Application No. 09/562,781 filed May 2, 2000.

~~, now abandoned~~

5. ~~[] This divisional or continuation application is filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application and this application is accompanied by a statement requesting deletion of the name(s) of the person(s) who is(are) not inventor(s) in this application.~~

6. [] The [] inventorship, [] inventor's citizenship, residence or post office address as shown on the original oath or declaration was changed and approved during prosecution of the prior application, which changes are shown on the enclosed Inventor(s) Information Sheet.

7. [x] Priority of Application No. 9618033.6 filed on August 29, 1996 in United Kingdom is claimed under 35 USC 119.

[x] A certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior Application No. 08/919,499 filed August 28, 1997.

8. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to OUTOKUMPU COPPER PRODUCTS OY. (For divisional or continuation only; not for CIP.)

9. [] A petition and fee for _____ month's extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed _____ in the prior application, until _____, has been filed, and a copy of the petition is attached.

10. [] The applicant claims small entity status with respect to this application.

[] A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status is attached.

[] The undersigned claims small entity status on behalf of the applicant.

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